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REFERENCE TO:

FITTER AIRCRAFT
CAIRO AIRFIELD WEST
EGYPT

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

FIRST IDENTIFICATION ON SYSTEM PHOTOGRAPHY OF
FITTER (SU-7) AIRCRAFT OUTSIDE THE SOVIET UNION
AND EUROPEAN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

2. LOCATION:

18 NM WNW OF AL QAHIRAH AT 3007N 03055E.

3. REMARKS:

EGYPT WAS THE FIRST NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRY TO
RECEIVE THE FITTER. FITTER SHIPPING CRATES HAVE
PREVIOUSLY BEEN IDENTIFIED ON SYSTEM PHOTOGRAPHY
AT AD DUKHAYLAH AIRFIELD IN EGYPT AND TAIZ
AIRFIELD IN SYRIA.

4. COLLATERAL:

EGYPT ORDERED THE FITTER UNDER A SOVIET/EGYPTIAN
ARMS AGREEMENT OF NOV 64. SINCE THE DELIVERIES
BEGAN IN OCT 66, AND PRIOR TO THE RECENT SOVIET
AIRLIFT, EGYPT RECEIVED AT LEAST 55 FITTER.
ISRAEL CLAIMS THAT DURING THE RECENT ARAB/ISRAELI
WAR 14 EGYPTIAN FITTER AIRCRAFT WERE DESTROYED.

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5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION: TALENT MISSIONS OF AUG 56 PROVIDED THE FIRST SYSTEM COVERAGE OF THE AIRFIELD.
6. NEGATION DATE: NONE
7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE: 11 KH-4, 1 KH-7, [REDACTED] AND NUMEROUS TALENT MISSIONS.
8. DIMENSIONS/
SPECIFICATIONS: [REDACTED] NNW/SSE BLACKTOP AND CONCRETE RUNWAY.
8,125 X 150 FT WNW/ESE BLACKTOP AND CONCRETE RUNWAY.
FITTER FUSELAGE CRATE - [REDACTED] WITH PROTRUSION.
FITTER FUSELAGE CRATE - [REDACTED] WITHOUT PROTRUSION.
KNIFE-EDGE CRATE - [REDACTED]
9. MISSION READOUT: THIS MISSION REVEALS AT LEAST 25 REPAIRED PROBABLE BOMB CRATERS IN THE NNW/SSE RUNWAY AND AT LEAST 14 REPAIRED PROBABLE BOMB CRATERS IN THE WNW/ESE RUNWAY.

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OB: 2 BADGER. 1 DESTROYED BADGER, 12 BEAGLE, 24 FITTER (4 BEING
ASSEMBLED), 24 FISHBED, 10 FAGOT/FRESCO, 6 SMALL STRAIGHT-WING
AT LEAST 41 FITTER FUSELAGE CRATES, AND AT LEAST 39 KNIFE-EDGED
FITTER ASSOCIATED CRATES.

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